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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 444**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Yee**

February 15, 2005

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An act to amend Section 49531.1 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 444, as amended, Yee. School food: nutrition guidelines.

Existing law requires the State Department of Education to develop and maintain nutrition guidelines for school lunches and breakfasts, and for all food and beverages sold on public school campuses.

This bill would also require the department to develop and maintain those guidelines for all food and beverages served on public school campuses.

Existing law requires the nutrition guidelines to include guidelines for fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol, and to specify that if comparable food products of equal nutritional value are available, the food product lower in fat, saturated fat, or cholesterol shall be used.

This bill would include sugar and sodium within those guideline provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1     SECTION 1. Section 49531.1 of the Education Code is  
2     amended to read:  
3     49531.1. (a) The department shall develop and maintain  
4     nutrition guidelines for school lunches and breakfasts, and for all  
5     food and beverages served ~~or sold~~ *or sold* on public school  
6     campuses. These guidelines shall consider current  
7     recommendations for children ~~including~~, *including*, but not  
8     limited to, those from the California Daily Food Guide published  
9     by the State Department of Health Services.  
10    (b) The nutrition guidelines shall include, *but need not be*  
11    *limited to*, guidelines for fat, saturated fat, sugar, sodium, and  
12    cholesterol, and shall specify that where comparable food  
13    products of equal nutritional value are available the food product  
14    lower in fat, saturated fat, sugar, sodium, or cholesterol shall be  
15    used.